

JUNIOR COMMUNITY LEAGUE BULLETIN NOW READY

A NEW bulletin on the work of the Junior Community Leagues has just been issued by the Cooperative Education Association. This bulletin contains a Foreword from Honorable E. Lee Trinkle, Governor of Virginia, and from Honorable Harris Hart, Superintendent of Public Instruction, full instructions on organization of Junior Leagues, with constitution and by-laws. The Obligation follows:

"On my honor I will seek:

To serve this league, this school, and this community;

To prepare myself in body, mind, and spirit for my duty;

To live the truth and to keep faith with knowledge;

To promote education as the right of every child;

To labor for the advancement of Virginia, to bring no reproach upon her and to emulate those who made her great among the nations by their loyalty to honor and to her;

And finally, to remember that as a citizen of the United States, I owe allegiance to the nation, and to freedom, democracy and progress among men."

The principles of the Junior Community League, as outlined in the bulletin, are:

1. Citizenship. 2. School Spirit. 3. Health. 4. Athletics and Recreation. 5. Self-improvement.

Dr. Ennion G. Williams, State Health Commissioner has a special message for the boys and girls on the health phase of the work and Mr. Geo. W. Koiner, State Commissioner of Agriculture, has an article on "Our Birds." Suggestions for work under each head are enumerated. Special emphasis is placed on the Reading Course, for which a certificate is awarded the members complying with the requirements. The list of 25 books for children, as balloted by the American Library Association and the National Education Association, also appears. Details for awarding of prizes and pennants are outlined as well as the following information:

1. Topics for final essays, orations, and compositions.
2. Suggested ways of raising money for league work.
3. Special days to celebrate.
4. Where to write for valuable literature.

It is the purpose and aim of the Junior Community League to train the boys and girls through service to their school and neighborhood during school days, to meet the opportunities and responsibilities of full citizenship that will be theirs later as men and women. The Junior Community League should be the relay for the Community League. The future citizens of Virginia should be the relay now that they may be ready and eager to take up and develop the wise plans and work mapped out by the good citizens of today. There are now 275 Junior Leagues in Virginia; the purpose is to organize a league in every school in the state. Anyone interested may procure copy of the bulletin, free of charge by writing Cooperative Education Association, Box 1667, Richmond, Virginia.

TO STIMULATE VERSE-WRITING

"*THE GLEAM*," a magazine of verse for young people, recently established as the official organ of the School and Poetry Association, seems destined to exert a wide influence on young people of secondary school age, if it continues to live up to the program it has set for itself, one of "providing poetry suited to the maturity and life interest of young people, and of centering the teaching of this poetry upon the meaning and message of the poet—the mood and spirit of the work—rather than upon the technical or formal."

The magazine appears five times during the school year in alternate months, beginning with October. Teachers, librarians, poets, and the general public may apply for membership in the association by writing to Paul S. Nickerson, Editor, Canton, Massachusetts. The annual dues are one dollar and if membership is granted, the applicant will receive the magazine for one year. Pupils and young people may obtain *The Gleam* at ten cents a copy by applying to some member of the association. Teachers who are

members will receive original poems and 250-word poetry essays from their pupils for submission to the editor.

The publication has as its advisory board Professor Raymond Alden of Leland Stanford, Katherine Lee Bates of Wellesley, Grace Hazard Conkling of Smith, Professor John Erskine of Columbia, Percy MacKaye now of Miami University, Professor John M. Manly of Chicago, Josephine Preston Peabody, and Professor Charles Swain Thomas of Harvard.

Each issue contains the following variety of material: modern poems, selected and rewritten with informal foreword and suggestions for interpretation; one or two standard poems with similar foreword and suggestions; a single unpublished poem by a living poet of prominence; poems by students; student letters or essays about poems; and a short editorial.

Of special interest to Virginians will be the following poem which appeared in the October number. It was written by a 1922 graduate of the Maury High School, Norfolk, Miss Elizabeth Grinnan:

BEAUTY¹

My spirit is wild, untrammelled and free;
The vast blue spaces in the sky
Sprinkled with stars,
And the swaying tops of mountain pines
Are its playgrounds.
But sometimes when I gather the stars in my
arms,
Their shining points tear at my heart;
And the sharp, fragrant odor of the pines
Cuts like a breath of flame.

The most striking thing about *The Gleam* is its value in providing a stimulating opportunity for expression. Already the response from students has been large and the current issue includes short poems from widely separated parts of the country. Students who are definitely interested in poetry and those who have never before known the gratification that comes with satisfactory self-expression in rhythmic form alike show by their attempts how keen a motive is provided by the possibility of publication in *The Gleam*.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON VOCATIONAL HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION

THE Southern Regional Conference of Vocational Home Economics Education met in Richmond, Virginia, January 9-12. The Honorable Harris Hart, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mrs. Ora Hart Avery, Supervisor of Home Economics Education of Virginia, extended a most cordial welcome to the conference and made its members feel that they were indeed glad to be in Virginia and were the recipients of true Virginia hospitality.

Miss Adelaide Baylor, Chief of the Vocational Education of the Federal Board, presided over the meeting. Miss Baylor in her introductory remarks said that it seemed wisest at this meeting to take stock of the work of the past five years. She then called upon Miss Edith Thomas, Federal Agent for Home Economics Education, to give a report of the Minneapolis Conference.

The meeting was then divided into two sections and all the State Supervisors met in a round table Conference on Supervision and the representatives from the Teacher Training Institutions met together to discuss the value of the vocational experience secured by the home project method and the home management cottage. The conclusions drawn were, that the home project which was carried on during the summer in the girl's own home was the best method of securing vocational experience and that the supervised work of the home management cottage was the best means of providing experience in management and a larger opportunity for training in the social aspects of the home. A discussion of Supervised Teaching brought with it the conviction that the more varied the experience the more valuable it would be. It was thought advisable to use public schools, part time schools, evening schools, or Y. W. C. A. classes for securing teaching experience. There seemed to be a difference of opinion concerning the amount of supervision needed. Some public school superintendents require 100% supervision in order that they may be assured that their classes will not suffer at the hands of a weak student-teacher, but it seemed to be the opinion of the majority that 100% supervision did not give the girl a